CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

5.1 Conclusions

Based on the research findings, conclusions are drawn as the following:

1. Violating, flouting and opting out the maxims occur in Indonesian television talk shows whereas infringing and suspending the maxims do not. The most frequent non-observance is violating the maxims. Violating, flouting and opting out the maxims’ occurrences were strongly affected by the topics, questions, and time allocated to answer. Tendency not to observe the maxims is not only carried out by politicians but also non-politicians.

2. The violations, flouts, and opts out of the maxims are realized through guests’ making political point, declining the answer, giving incomplete answer, questioning the question, attacking the question, attacking the questioner, repeating answer to previous question, asking for clarification, and interrupting.

3. The maxims are not observed since the guests of the talk shows intend to clarify; to prompt the hearers to look for beyond the expressed meaning; to mislead, deceive, or tell a lie; to create humour; to confirm; and to avoid uncomfortable situation and confrontation.

5.2 Suggestion

In line with the above conclusions, suggestions are offered as the following:

1. (a) Since non-observance of the maxims is not barrier to conversations or talk shows, the interlocutors, speaker and hearer do not need to be disconcerted if
there are lots of maxims flouted, violated, opted out, infringed, and suspended. They come out to construct the conversation more attractive, alive, and fashionable.

(b) Teachers, parents and whoever deals with the development of children’s language acquisition and learning should appreciate each child or student’s reply and stop blaming. Perhaps, their replies are the manifestation of flouting, violating, infringing, opting out, and suspending the maxims of the cooperative principles.

2. It is necessary for the viewers to be aware of how guests, especially politicians, in a talk show in answering the questions questioned by talk show hosts. The viewers should bear in mind that realization of their making political point is probably a part of their playing of political game.

3. Other researchers and students of applied linguistics need to conduct further studies dealing with cooperative principles in other different phenomena by considering topics, guests or subjects, questions, and fields in order to find out more reasons of non-observance of the maxims.